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Dear Sir or Madam,

Given the economic recession we are presently in, as well as the events of September 11, I think it is absurd how much time, energy, and money my government has wasted in pursuing Microsoft. Like only a few other times in our nation's history, we should be able to discern acts of true hatred and evil, those that cause significant amounts of real harm to the citizens of this great country, from the acts of an organization that has produced such overwhelmingly positive results for not only its people and shareholders, but also for its industry and this country as a technological and economic super-power. Time does not permit me to go into all the details of my position, but I think it is well past the time for the government (including the Department of Justice) to get back to protecting those that it is supposed to protect.

I say these things not as a Microsoft employee (or as a relative of an employee) or shareholder, but as a taxpayer who funds the operations the government of this country. In a capitalist society there will always be sour-grapes. I think the founding fathers would shudder at the thought of the government tampering as heavily as it has with Microsoft.

Let's let business get back to business, and let's have government work on protecting citizens from REAL harm.

Steve.

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